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1. An excellent interpretation of the Draupadi Vastrapaharana incident. Another view on this incident that perhaps has a scary message for today's situation is possible.

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> — Indictoday (@indictoday) December 21, 2020

2. We must remember that the Kauravas went after Draupadi at the very last. Even the land had been taken away. The destruction of the Pandavas would be complete with the violation of Draupadi.

3. As Sri Madhwa says - "[redacted]" - Draupadi was the embodiment of knowledge/education. For the complete annihilation of a civilization, the takeover of territory is not sufficient. The knowledge of that civilization must be destroyed.

4. This violation and damage to education is done by Duryodhana - embodiment of ignorance and other evils - [redacted].

5. But in this endeavor he is facilitated by two - Dushasana and Shakuni - the embodiment of vipareeta-jnana and nastikya - [redacted]

6. Vipareeta jnana in this context is that education which opposes Dharmic education. And nastikya is the charvakism that is so prevalent these days.

7. So when this violation of education was taking place, who were the ones who kept quiet? Dhritharashtra - in power - but did not stop it out of unnatural love towards the propagators of vipareeta jnana, ajnana and nastikya vaada.

8. Bhishma, Drona and Krupa - loyalty more to power and throne rather than towards saving Vidya. They knew defiling Vidya was wrong but chose to keep quiet. When Draupadi asks them they said headache is Dharmaraja's so ask him. They meant burden is not on those ruling.

9. Vikarna - made an artificial appeal - showed false concern - his outburst was more for fame in that gathering - and the fact that he would become popular as a knower of Dharma. When Karna shouted at him, he shut up. This tribe is very popular these days.

10. Finally the torture stops when Vidura warns that the bala - strength - of Bhima and Arjuna will lead to the annihilation of all those who facilitated this. That fear led Dhritharashtra to grant freedom to Pandavas and Draupadi.